

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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| Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Proposed Policies and Programs Governing post-2003 Low-Income Assistance Programs.   | Rulemaking 04-01-006<br>(Filed January 8, 2004) |
| In the Matter of the Application of PACIFICORP for Approval of 2005 Low-Income Assistance Program Budgets.  | Application 04-06-038<br>(File June 30, 2004)   |
| In the Matter of the Application of Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G) for Approval of Program Year 2005 Low-Income Assistance Program Budgets.  | Application 04-07-002<br>(Filed July 1, 2004)   |
| IN THE MATTER of the Application SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY (U 903), for an Order Approving its 2005 California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Low Income Efficiency (LIEE) Plans and Budgets. | Application 04-07-014<br>(Filed July 1, 2004)   |
| In the Matter of the Application of Avista Corporation for Approval of Program Year 2005 Low-Income Assistance Program Budgets.   | Application 04-07-015<br>(Filed July 1, 2004)   |

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| In the Matter of the Application of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY (U 133 W) Regarding Low Income Assistance Programs for its Bear Valley Electric Service Customers for Program Year 2005.                    | Application 04-07-020<br>(Filed July 8, 2004)  |
| Application of Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company No. 1 LLC in Compliance with Decision 03-12-016 (PY 2004 Low Income Energy Efficiency (“LIEE”) and California Alternate Rates For Energy (“CARE”) program Plans). | Application 04-07-027<br>(Filed July 2, 2004)  |
| In the Matter of the Application of West Coast Gas Company (U-910-G) For Approval of Program Year 2005 Low-Income Assistance Program Budgets.   | Application 04-07-050<br>(Filed July 29, 2004) |
| Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 M) For Approval of the 2006 and 2006 California Alternative Rates for Energy and Low Income Energy Efficiency Programs and Budget                               | Application 05-06-005<br>(Filed June 1, 2005)  |
| Southern California Edison Company’s (U 388-E) Application Regarding Low Income Assistance Programs for Program Years 2006 and 2007   | Application 05-06-009<br>(Filed June 1, 2005)  |
| Application of Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G) for Approval of Low Income Assistance Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2006 and 2006   | Application 05-06-012<br>(Filed June 1, 2005)  |
| Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902 M) for Approval of Low Income Assistance Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2006 and 2006  | Application 05-06-013<br>(Filed June 1, 2005)  |

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**ASSIGNED ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS MATTERS AND  
SETTING A SCHEDULE FOR COMMENTS**

On June 1, 2005, the four larger regulated energy utilities filed applications for approval of low-income programs and budgets for 2006 and 2007. This ruling is for the purpose of consolidating these new applications with the umbrella rulemaking docket, and responding to a request from the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) for a comment period related to these new applications.

In its limited protest of Applications (A.) 05-06-012 and A.05-06-013, filed July 7, 2005, ORA requests that the Commission allow parties to file second-round comments and replies during September 2005. This would provide ORA with an opportunity to complete its discovery of information related to the applications and offer any observations it may have about fund allocations and other matters. For this reason, I will grant the request.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. Application (A.) 05-06-005, A.05-06-009, A.05-06-012, and A.05-06-013 are consolidated with this docket.
2. Parties may file and serve comments on the above-mentioned applications no later than September 9, 2005, and reply comments no later than September 23, 2005.

Dated July 14, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Steven Weissman  
Steven Weissman

Administrative Law Judge

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Assigned Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Consolidating Various Matters and Setting a Schedule for Comments by using the following service:

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Dated July 14, 2005, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen

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## **N O T I C E**

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